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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jackson et al.  
Serial No.: 09/582,059  
Filed: November 20, 2000  
Title: Therapeutic Compounds

Art Unit: 1625  
Examiner: Evelyn Huang  
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action that was mailed in the above-captioned case on August 13, 2002, applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 18 and 32. Please add new claim 34. Please amend claims 1, 7, 8, 12, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 33 as follows.

1. (Three Times Amended) A compound having the formula:

(YN)-(spacer)-(amidine or guanidine group)

or